

FIRST NEWSPAPER IN THE NORTHWEST

The Pocatello Advance prints the following self-explanatory communication:

"Editor Pocatello Advance: In your issue of October 1st, reference is made to the first printing press and newspaper west of the Rocky mountains as being set up in Spalding, Nez Perce county, Idaho. As the year is not given when the press arrived in Spalding, the question is an open one, but the oldest newspaper on record west of the great Rockies is the Desert News, with the first issue of June 15, 1859, still on file, and the original press stored away in the basement of the establishment.

"Will some of your readers or exchanges kindly give the year of the above event and if possible the name of the paper then printed at Spalding. Yours truly,

"HYRUM KAT."

"The clipping referred to by Mr. Kat was taken from a recent issue of the Lewiston Tribune, which paper may be able to settle an interesting point by giving the date at which the printing press was taken to Spalding."

The Tribune published the fact, that the first printing press used west of the Rockies was that utilized by Missionary Spaulding at Spalding in 1839, upon authority that it seems cannot be questioned. Sidney V. Johnson's "Short History of Oregon" says:

"In 1829 the Spaulding mission received a donation from Rev. H. Bingham's church at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, of a small printing press, with types, furniture, paper and other things of the value of \$450. Mr. E. O. Hall, a printer at the Sandwich Islands, came with the press, and the first book printed west of the Rocky mountains so far as known, was issued that fall in the Nez Perce language."

Again the Johnson history says: "An important event in 1846 was the founding of the Oregon Spectator at Oregon City, printed upon the press brought in 1829 from the Sandwich Islands. The first number was issued in February and it was the first newspaper upon the Pacific coast, since the initial number. The Californian was not printed at Monterey until the 11th of the following August."

The history of this pioneer press is also closely followed by the "History of the Idaho Territory," compiled in 1884 by Wallace W. Elliott & Co., of San Francisco. From this history the following data is taken:

"A printing press with type was presented in 1829 by the missionaries of the Sandwich Islands to the Presbyterian missionaries of Oregon, and it reached Lapwai that year, where E. O. Hall put it in operation to print books in the Nez Perce language."

"Messrs. Rogers and Spaulding soon learned to set type and they printed small books in the Nez Perce language that were used in their school. That old press and type are now stored in

the state capitol of Oregon and the building used for that primitive office is yet standing, though somewhat modernized, near the Lapwai mission in Idaho.

"This was the first printing office on the Pacific coast of America, north of Mexico, thus Idaho has the honor of having the first printing press on the coast."

From the same history: "The old Ramage printing press, sent out to this coast by the Home Missionary society of Boston, is now at Hillsboro, Ore., and Mrs. Spaulding, wife of the missionary, has presented the same to Mr. Thornton, and he is to place the press, type and material in the state library at Salem. Mr. Spaulding, at the Nez Perce agency in 1829 or 1846, printed the first paper ever printed this side of the Rocky mountains, which was a translation of the Nez Perce into the English language."

From the same history: "The press

was still at the agency at the time of the Whitman massacre in 1847. Mr. Spaulding then moved it to Willamette valley, Ore., and the Rev. Griffin published a monthly periodical called the American Unionist, the first periodical paper ever published on the Northwestern coast. The press did many years constant service, but was afterward put aside, and has not been used, although it is tolerably well preserved."

The Tribune's information is that some of the logs and the old stone fire place, forming a part of the structure which was the home of the old press and the home of the first printing office in the West, can still be seen at Spalding, 12 miles from Lewiston.

Meets in Syracuse.

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 19.—The twenty-second annual convention of school superintendents of the state of New York began at the Yates hotel this afternoon. The sessions will continue three days and will be devoted to the discussion of general educational subjects as well as matters pertaining particularly to the duty of superintendents.



PROOF.

Mrs. Wise—My husband has an awful bad memory.
Mrs. Wyatt—How do you know?
Mrs. Wise—He laughed at all the end man's jokes.

Money Saved Is Money Earned

IF YOU BUY A BUGGY OR WAGON, OR A FARM IMPLEMENT BECAUSE IT IS CHEAP, IT OFTEN PROVES TO BE VERY EXPENSIVE ECONOMY, AS IT TURNS OUT TO BE CHEAPER IN QUALITY THAN IN PRICE. I DO NOT PRETEND TO COMPETE WITH THE "CHEAP JOHN" OUTFITS FROM THE EAST WHO ARE HERE TODAY AND GONE TOMORROW, AND WHO UNLOAD SOME CHEAP ARTICLE ON YOU AND ARE NOT HERE TO MAKE IT GOOD WHEN THE PAINT WEARS OFF AND IT PROVES ITS SHODDINESS. I AM HERE TO STAY. I WILL CHARGE YOU A REASONABLE PRICE AND GUARANTEE MY GOODS TO BE AS REPRESENTED. IN FACT, I WILL NOT CARRY CHEAP, SHODDY GOODS, BECAUSE I EXPECT YOUR TRADE THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR. TO KEEP FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS IN THE IMPLEMENT BUSINESS THE ONLY WAY IS TO SELL GOODS THAT ARE A CONSTANT RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR STOCK. GOODS THAT WILL STAY BY YOU AND IN THE END SAVE YOU MONEY, YOUR TIME AND YOUR PATIENCE. A GLANCE OVER THE FOLLOWING LIST WILL PROVE THAT I AM HANDLING ONLY THE BEST GRADES OF IMPLEMENTS AND MAY SUGGEST SOMETHING YOU ARE IN NEED OF. ALL I ASK OF YOU IS TO COME IN AND COMPARE THE "QUALITY" OF MY GOODS AND PRICES WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN PAYING ELSEWHERE AND I KNOW I WILL GET YOU FOR A CUSTOMER. I HANDLE THE CELEBRATED

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WASHINGTON DOUBLE DISK WEEDER.

THE WELL KNOWN CANTON AND FLYING DUTCHMAN PLOWS, AND GANG PLOWS.

THEN THERE IS A HOST OF OTHER THINGS I ALWAYS HAVE IN STOCK, SUCH AS AXLE GREASE AND LUBRICATING OILS, WAGON JACKS, DOUBLE TREES AND SINGLE TREES, WHIPS AND WHIP STOCKS, MONKEY WRENCHES, BOLTS, VALVES, BABBITT, WHEELBARROWS, BLACKSMITH TOOLS, RUBBER HOSE FOR WATER TANKS, AFRICAN WATER BAGS, BELTING AND LACING AND OTHER ARTICLES. I AM HERE TO DO BUSINESS AND TO GET YOUR BUSINESS AND KEEP IT. YOU WILL FIND THAT I WILL GIVE YOU THE BEST VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY YOU CAN GET IN TOWN. COME AROUND AND INVESTIGATE.

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